

OFFICIAL "GO SAFELY" SIGNALS

Proper signals point the way to safety. So every driver on the road—and that includes you—must know and obey all traffic laws, signs and lights.

Hand signals for cyclists are the same as for motorists. Surprises on the road are dangerous. Give the driver behind you plenty of warning, if you intend to stop, pass or turn.



Right Turn



Left Turn



Stop

LEFT TURNS

Left turns can be tricky and must be handled with care.

Light Traffic

Check the traffic behind you. If the way is clear, then signal a left turn and pull over close to the centre line. Look for traffic ahead and on both sides. If it is clear, make your turn.

Heavy Traffic

At busy intersections you'll Go Safely if you get off your bicycle, wait for the green light and then walk it straight across to the other side. Then face the direction you want to go, push your bike across the second street when the light turns green. Never drive your bicycle in the crosswalk at any intersection.

RIGHT TURNS

Before making a right turn, look out for pedestrians crossing the street. When the way is clear, give the correct signal and turn keeping as close to the curb as is safe.

STOP SIGNAL

Use the "stop" hand signal to warn drivers behind you that you plan to stop or slow down.

Follow these 13 LUCKY RULES

1. Obey all traffic signs and signals
2. Drive on the right-hand side of the road
3. Drive single file on the street
4. Stop before driving into the street from your driveway or a lane
5. Walk your bike at busy corners
6. Be sure to give the correct hand signal when you are going to stop or turn
7. Carry parcels in your carrier
8. Never drive with two on a bicycle
9. Never hitch a ride on another vehicle by hanging on to the side of a truck
10. No "trick driving" on the streets or highways
11. Be alert for vehicles about to pass you
12. Your bicycle must be equipped with safety devices
13. Your bike must be in good working order

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Interested in finding out more about becoming an expert cyclist? Why not take the GO Safely Cyclers Course? If there is no GO Safely Cyclers Course offered in your neighbourhood ask your parent, teacher or group leader to write to: Ontario Ministry of Transportation and Communications, Public and Safety Information Branch, Downsview for information on how to start one.



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YOUR BICYCLE IS A VEHICLE UNDER THE HIGHWAY TRAFFIC ACT.

As a bicycle driver, you must follow the same rules of the road as other vehicles.

You may think you're a big wheel on your bicycle. But if you're not an expert driver, then you are a danger to yourself and others.

Just like anything else—from learning hockey to baseball—it takes study and practice to become an expert. And you must be alert.

To do this you must learn the safety rules, but most important you must understand them. Now that you are a bicycle driver, you too can cause an accident. So you must know how to prevent one.

You see, although a bicycle is one of the smallest vehicles on the road, its driver shares the same responsibility for safety as the drivers of cars and trucks. A bicycle is like a car—except you are the engine.

As a driver you must be alert at all times. You must think about what other drivers might do and be ready for unexpected actions. You must always show good manners even if others forget.

A courteous driver, who knows and obeys and practices the safety rules is an expert. It is up to you to be one.

When leaving your bicycle in a school yard, shopping plaza, or other location, make sure you lock your bicycle to avoid it being stolen. Secure it with a chain and combination lock to a lamp post or other stable structure.

**MANY OF THE THINGS THAT APPLY TO A CAR APPLY TO YOUR BICYCLE.
FOR INSTANCE - REGULAR CHECK-UPS.**

